GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SLEEPING SICKNESS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first patient of `sleeping sickness` has been identified in India ;

(b) if so, whether treatment of this disease is possible in India ;

(c) whether this disease can pose the danger of turning into an epidemic;

(d) whether medicines for the cure of this disease is available in India ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes, sir.

(c) According to NIMHANS in the mainland of India, the transmitting agent Tsetse fly is not present. Hence there is no danger of this disease turning into an epidemic proportion.

(d) & (e) Drugs for treatment of the disease is available in India however, some of the drugs are required to be imported.